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PRODUCTION OF EDIBLE OILS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of oil seeds produced in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of edible oils produced in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the quantum of edible oils imported to meet the country`s domestic demand during each of the last three years;

(d) whether any initiatives are being made to increase the production of oil seeds in the country so as to fill the gap between the production of edible oil and the demand;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the results; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The state-wise production of oilseeds is given in Annexure.

(b): No precise figures about state-wise production of edible oils are available. However, as reported by Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and Fat under the Department of Food and Public Distribution, the State-wise estimated production of edible oils based on the oilseeds produced in the respective States is at Annexure.

(c): The quantum of edible oils imported during the last three years is shown below :

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Amount of edible oils imported
April 2001-March 02	43.22
April 2002-March 03	43.65
April 2003-March 04	52.95

(d) to (f): Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing states with a view to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds in the country. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of Rhizobium culture/ phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/ pyrite/ liming/ dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Besides, flexibility has also been given to the states for introducing innovative measures or any special component to the extent of 10% of financial allocation and involvement of private sector by the state Governments in the implementation of the programme i.e. seed production, supply of inputs, extension support, block and frontline demonstrations with a financial cap of 15%.

Implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme in the country has helped in increasing the production of oilseeds from 10.83 million tonnes in 1985-86 to 25.29 million tonnes during 2003-04.